

Bridport Cohousing CLT - Transport Policy - valid from February 2022.

The Three Main Principles informing this policy are:

1. Our firm agreement as a community to reduce our ecological footprint.
1. To support all residents in making the travel choices that best suit their needs.
2. The creation of a pedestrian oriented site that will be as car-free as possible.

The aims of this Policy are:

1. To provide guidelines for using more environmentally friendly transport.
2. To enable residents to easily access sustainable transport through resources and schemes available on site.

Therefore, the current agreements state that:

1. The Cohousing neighbourhood will provide:
 - One parking space per household - (To this end, every household will sign a legal agreement, required by the lease in Clause 3.25 Management of the Estate and in Schedule 2 Right to use Communal Facilities, agreeing that while resident in the neighbourhood they will only be the registered owner of an additional vehicle if they have another dedicated off-road parking space for it, either onsite or elsewhere).
 - Households with no car the option to offer the use of their parking space to other residents by *written* agreement.
 - Dedicated accessible/disabled parking spaces where required.
 - Limited visitor parking spaces.
 - Secure, dry storage for bicycles, both pedal powered and electric.
 - Charging points for electric cars. Electric bikes can be charged at home.
 - Hand carts/wheelbarrows for ferrying bulky items from car to house.
2. We will support local bus services by using (and campaigning for) them wherever possible. There will be up-to-date bus and train timetables available in the common house. Local taxis will be utilised when appropriate.
3. We will support the use of bicycles, sharing them whenever possible.
4. We will actively encourage residents to share car journeys, with a ride sharing notice board in the common house, plus access to online lift share apps.
5. We actively explore ways to reduce the number of vehicles used solely by individuals. We use a car sharing scheme such as CoCars (Exeter), who initially will base one of their electric vehicles at Hazelmead, and proactively extend membership to the wider local community. We acknowledge the need to change our travel habits and expectations.
6. Hirers of the Common House will be requested to both minimise the number of cars generated by their event, and to clearly ask their visitors to avoid parking in the very busy Hospital Lane where possible.

7. There will be direct and unobstructed access to all dwellings for emergency vehicles, for the delivery of heavy items, and for people with disabilities.